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TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which India`s trade with China has improved during 2003-04;

(b) whether the trade agreements signed with China during the Prime Minister`s visit has improved the trade relations between the two countries;

(c) if so, whether all the trade agreements signed with that country have been implemented ;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the time by which all agreements likely to be implemented; and

(f) the extent to which trade between the two countries is likely to increase during the coming years as a result of said agreement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : India-China trade for April-July 2003-04, as compared to the corresponding period of last year is as under :-

APRIL-JULY (US$ Million)

	2002-03	2003-04	%age growth
Export	469.94	616.18	31.12
Import	802.45	1119.57	39.59
Total	1272.39	1735.75	36.41

(Source : DGCI&S)

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c), (d) & (e) : During Prime Minister`s visit to China in June 2003, the following Agreements relating to trade were signed :-

(i) A Memorandum on Expanding Border Trade

(ii) A Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for exporting Mangoes from India to China

(iii) A Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation including setting up of a compact Joint Study Group (JSG) composed of officials and economists to examine the potential of complementarities between the two countries in expanding trade and economic cooperation.

The process of implementing the MOU on Border Trade has begun. However, no final date has yet been fixed.Protocol on Phytosanitary Requirements has already been implemented. Action has already been initiated to establish Joint Study Group.

(f) : While it is not possible to assess the increase in trade in the coming years as a result of the Agreements signed during the visit of Prime Minister to China, expectations are that bilateral trade will grow rapidly and reach US$ 10 billion mark soon.